



Bluffton Police Department

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Free Child Car Seat Inspections

Who:

Bluffton Police Officers

What:

Conduct Free Child Seat Safety Checks

Where:

Bluffton Police Department

When:

Last Wednesday of each month

Bluffton Police Officers will begin conducting free monthly child seat safety inspections at the Bluffton Police Department.

"We want to make sure all of our children are riding in the correct seat and that the seat is correctly installed," said Bluffton Police Chief Joey Reynolds.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, car seat use reduces the risk for death to infants by 71% and to toddlers by 54% in passenger vehicles. After the age of 4, booster seat use reduces the risk for serious injury by 45% for children compared with seat belt use alone.

The grant the Bluffton Police Department received from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety for a two-officer Traffic Team assisted in making these safety checks possible. The officers from the Team were recently certified as child seat safety inspectors.

The safety checks will take place the last Wednesday of each month starting May 25, 2016 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments must be made at least one day before the safety check will occur. To make an appointment, email Joy Nelson at jnelson@townofbluffton.com or call her at (843)706-4542.

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